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Interpretations of immune responses of mice to poly(Glu60Lys40), its TI modified derivatives, and the terpolymers poly(Glu55Lys37Leu8) and poly(Glu56Lys37Ser7)

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Reinvestigations of the murine immune responses against poly(Glu60Lys40) (GL) and its derivs. modified with covalently linked amino acids indicated that they all could be immunogenic at high concns. in all inbred strains. In contrast, restricted responsiveness was noted with terpolymers as follows: to poly(Glu55Lys37Leu8) mice of H-2a,d,k haplotypes; to poly(Glu56Lys37Ser7) mice of H-2a,k haplotypes. It is hypothesized that the increased hydrophobicity of the modified GL derivs. can lead to increased combining consts. with the antigen-specific T-cell receptor (possibly VH-Ia complexes) which may be responsible for the enhanced immunogenicity and pos. in vitro T-cell proliferative responses detected with the modified poly(glu60 Lys40)(Tyr)4.7. A similar hypothesis involving increased reactions with VH idiotypes on T cells is advanced to account for some of the known unique strain distribution patterns of the Glu-Lys terpolymers contg. limited amts. of a 3rd .alpha.-amino